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1. The Korps Rentzsch, or Korps Nord, comprises two A Bereitschaften (rifle divisions) and one mechanized division. The staff of the corps is located at Pasewalk while the staffs of the divisions are in Prora, Eggesin and Prenzlau. The total strength of this force is 44,500. An artillery regiment with 18x152 mm howitzers and 34 guns is attached to the corps.
2. Two corps of equal strength and similar composition are to be drawn up by the end of 1952. Nine of the 24 former Bereitschaften are to form the basis of the three corps, each being the cadre for a division. The other 15 Bereitschaften, raised to a strength of 3,500 men, will temporarily continue to exist in their present form. The schools, with a strength of 15,000 men, will also be continued.
3. The total strength of the National Army will be approximately 200,000 men. This is the norm (multiplier) taken for the budget planning of the SCC. Divisional strength will be 13,500 men. These strengths have not yet been fully announced to the staffs of the divisions themselves.
4. The present composition of a rifle division is as follows:
 - a. Three rifle regiments (A Kommandos).
 - b. One tank and SP regiment (C and SP Kommando)
 - c. One artillery regiment (B Kommando)
 - d. One reconnaissance company (Aufklaerungs Abteilung)
 - e. One motorcycle rifle battalion (Abteilung)
 - f. One AT company (Abteilung) with 16 x 76 mm guns
 - g. One signals battalion (Abteilung)
 - h. One engineer battalion (D Abteilung)
 - i. One AA company (Abteilung) with 37 mm AA guns
5. The tank and SP regiment contains three armored battalions, one SP battery, training section, an AA company and one machine gun company. The tank regiment has

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93 operational tanks as well as several lead tanks (Fuehrerpanzer) of the T-34 type.

6. The artillery regiment has 34 x 76 mm guns and 18 x 122 mm howitzers. Subordinate units of the regiment include one motorcycle rifle battalion with 300 motorcycles, a training company, a signal platoon and one motor transport company.
7. The composition of the mechanized division of the corps is as follows:
 - a. Three mechanized regiments, including one tank and one reconnaissance company each.
 - b. One heavy tank regiment with 93 tanks plus one lead tank.
 - c. One medium tank regiment with 93 tanks plus one lead tank.
 - d. One artillery regiment composed of 15 batteries.
 - e. One AA company (Abteilung).
 - f. One motorcycle rifle battalion consisting of two motorcycle companies, one tank company, one AT battery, one armored vehicles company and one training company.
 - g. One tank training company (Abteilung)
 - h. Kommando S.6 (gas or chemical regiment (sic)) of 1,100 men.
 - i. One workshops company.
 - j. One medical company.
 - k. One field bakery.
 - l. One motorized company.

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